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Wayne Rosenthal, Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Dear Director Rosenthal:

On June 3, 2015 the Illinois Department of Natural Resources notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Illinois would be closed as soon as practicable. The State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) states that, "the Commission, in its discretion, may require the State executive branch officer with jurisdiction over the facility to file a recommendation for the closure of the facility with the Commission."

The Commission is formally requesting that the Department of Natural Resources file an official recommendation of closure in compliance with 30 ILCS 608 with the Commission by Friday, July 10th, 2015. The recommendation must include, but is not limited to:

- 1) the location and identity of the State facility proposed to be closed;
- 2) the number of employees for which the State facility is the primary stationary work location and the effect of the closure of the facility on those employees;
- 3) the location or locations to which the functions and employees of the State facility would be moved;
- 4) the availability and condition of land and facilities at both the existing location and any potential locations;
- 5) the ability to accommodate the functions and employees at the existing and at any potential locations;
- 6) the cost of operations of the State facility and at any potential locations and any other related budgetary impacts;

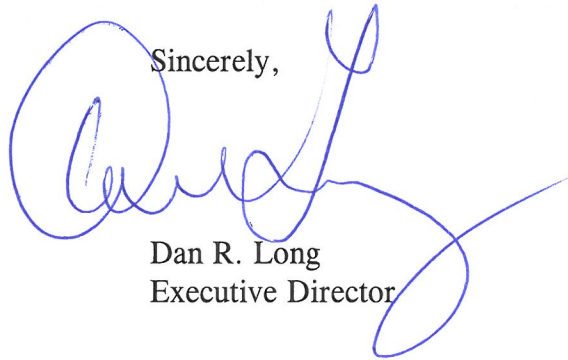
- 7) the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of the State facility and any potential facility;
- 8) the ability of the existing and any potential communities infrastructure to support the functions and employees;
- 9) the impact on State services delivered at the existing location, in direct relation to the State services expected to be delivered at any potential locations; and
- 10) the environmental impact, including the impact related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.

In addition to the legislatively mandated information above, the Commission would request that you please include:

- 11) how much transition costs will be and where in the budget will they be paid for;
- 12) how much, if any, maintenance costs will be annually after closure, and
- 13) how this facility closure fits into any long-term plan with special attention given to the other Department of Natural Resources facilities being closed.

Per 30 ILCS 608, no action may be taken to implement the recommendation for closure of a State facility until 50 days after the filing of any required recommendation. Should you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Dan R. Long, the Commission Executive Director at 217/782-5322.

Sincerely,



Dan R. Long
Executive Director

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cc: Senator Donne Trotter, Co-Chairman, CGFA
Representative Donald Moffitt, Co-Chairman, CGFA